

## 퇴행성 요추 질환환자에서 척추유합술 후 발생한 인접분절의 퇴행성 변화에 대한 수술적 치료\*

김영수 · 구성욱 · 조용은 · 진병호 · 윤영설 · 진동규

### Surgical Treatment of Adjacent Segment Degeneration after Spinal Fusion in Degenerative Lumbar Disc Disease

Young Soo Kim, M.D., Sung Uk Kuh, M.D., Yong Eun Cho, M.D.,  
Byung Ho Jin, M.D., Young Sul Yoon, M.D., Dong Kyu Chin, M.D.

Department of Neurosurgery, Yonsei University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea

**Objective :** We experienced some cases of adjacent segment degeneration after spinal fusion and treated them by various reoperation methods. The authors report an evaluation of causes of adjacent segment degeneration after spinal fusion and treatment methods.

**Methods :** Sixteen patients was admitted to our hospital due to adjacent segment degeneration after spinal fusion from November 1997 to May 2001 and we operated 11 patients among 16 patients with various surgical methods. We analyzed clinical diagnosea, surgical methods, and disc degeneration status of adjacent segment following spinal fusion on 1st operation and 2nd operation, and also evaluated the clinical symptoms, type of adjacent segment degeneration, and time interval between the 1st operation and the 2nd operation.

**Results :** Clinical diagnoses on 1st operation were degenerative spondylolisthesis of four cases, chronic degenerative disc disease with spinal stenosis of six cases, and recurred herniated lumbar disc disease of one case. We treated eight cases by posterior lumbar interbody fusion, one case by 360° fusion, and two cases by pedicle screw fixation only. Disc degeneration on adjacent segment to spinal fusion existed already in nine among 11 patients before spinal fusion. Types of adjacent segment degeneration after spinal fusion were disc degeneration of two cases, lumbar instability of three cases, lumbar stenosis of four cases, and lumbar instability and stenosis of two cases. Most patients complained of low back pain due to disc degeneration and instability, and some patients complained of leg and buttock pain due to stenosis. Time interval from 1st operation to reoperation was 20 months through 99 months, mean time interval was 57 months.

**Conclusion :** Inevitable compensatory mechanism occurs at adjacent segment after fusion, because of stress concentration and alteration of biomechanics after fusion. But, we achieve excellent or good results of reoperation surgical treatment for adjacent segment degeneration after spinal fusion.

**KEY WORDS :** Degenerative changes of adjacent segment · Lumbar spinal fusion.

서  
론

## 대상 및 방법

**Table 1.** Clinical characteristics of 11 patients, adjacent segments degeneration after lumbar fusion and summary of reoperation

[illegible]

\* : 2 Times reoperation due to 2 times of adjacent segment degeneration after fusion, PLIF : Posterior lumbar interbody fusion, LBP : Low back pain

# 1차 수술 시 진단명, 수술방법, 및 척추유합술 전 인접분절의 상태

1  
가 6 가 , 4 ,  
가 1 .  
가 8 , 360 ° 가 1 ,  
가 2 . 1  
 , 11  
9  
가 1

## 척추유합술 후 인접분절의 상태 및 임상증상

11  
가 ,  
가 ,  
2 ,  
가 3 ,  
가 4 ,  
가 2  
 ,  
가  
가  
 ,  
가 4 ,  
가 3 .

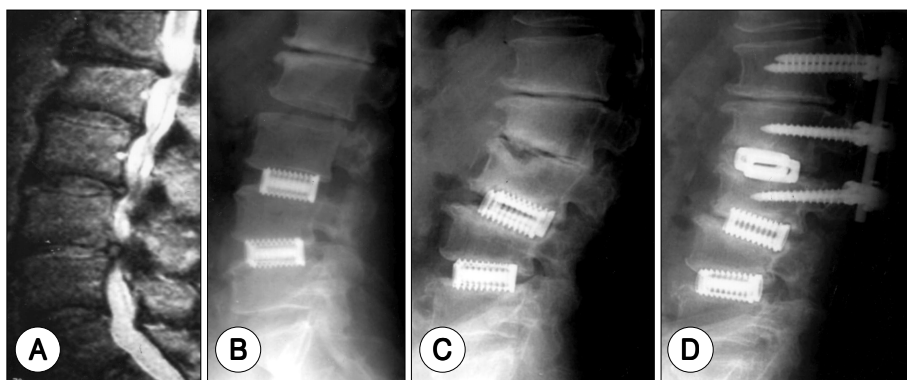
## 인접분절의 퇴행성 변화 시 재수술 방법, 결과 및 재수술을 받기까지의 기간

11  
 , 360 ° 7  
 , 가 2 ,  
가 1 . 6  
Prolo 's scale 6 excellent,  
5 good  
 . 1  
가 1  
8 8 3 4 9 .

# 고찰

Lee Langrana  
가 가  
가 ,  
 , 가  
 . 가  
가 가  
가 가  
가 가  
Aota 3  
25%  
가  
 . ,  
가 가  
가 가  
 , 1  
가 가 11 9  
가  
 ,  
61  
5 가 ,  
40  
가 16% ,  
가  
4).  
Rahm Hall 2  
49 17 (35%)  
 , 가  
 , 9).  
5 가  
가 67 19.4%  
가 , 4 - 5  
가 ,  
6). 5 -





**Fig. 2.** A : Mild disc degeneration on L1/2 and L2/3 segment and severe disc degeneration on L3/4 and L4/5. B : Posterior lumbar interbody fusion with cages on L3/4 and L4/5 segment. C : 2 years after 1st operation, Good fusion was done on L3/4 and L4/5 segment. but, severe disc degeneration on L1/2 and L2/3 was developed. D : 2nd operation was done due to adjacent segment degeneration after fusion using posterior lumbar interbody fusion on L2/3 segment and pedicle screw fixation on L1-2-3 segment.

가  
가  
Whitecloud  
14  
가  
6  
excellent, 4  
good  
prolo's scale 2

가  
73  
가  
1 - 2, 2 - 3, 3 - 4, 4 - 5  
가  
3 - 4, 4 - 5  
5 7  
1 - 2, 2 - 3  
가  
2 - 3  
1 - 2 - 3  
가  
가

(Fig. 2).

## 결론

1997 11 2001 5  
16

11

1)

3)

4)

- : 2002 1 28
  - : 2002 7 6
  - : 135 - 270 146 - 92
- : 02) 3497 - 3390, : 02) 3461 - 9229  
E - mail : kuhsu@yumc.yonsei.ac.kr

## References

1. Aota Y, Kumano K, Hirabayashi S : Postfusion instability at the adjacent segments after rigid pedicle screw fixation for degenerative lumbar spinal disorders. **J Spinal Disord** 8 : 464-473, 1995
2. Cho JL, Park YS, Han JH, Lee CH, Roh WI : The Changes of Adjacent Segments after Spinal Fusion -Follow-up more than Three Years after Spinal Fusion-. **J Korean Spinesurg Soc** 5 : 239-246, 1998
3. Dekutoski MB, Schendel MJ, Ogilvie JW, Olsewski JM, Wallace LJ, Lewis JL : Comparison of in vivo and in vitro adjacent segment motion after lumbar fusion. **Spine** 19 : 1745-1751, 1994

4. Ha KY, Kim KW, Park SJ, Lee YH : Changes of the Adjacent-Unfused Mobile Segment After Instrumental Lumbar Fusion-More Than 5-Years Follow-up. **J Korean Spinesurg Soc** **5** : 205-214, 1998
5. Herkowitz HN, Kurz L : Degenerative lumbar spondylolisthesis with spinal stenosis : A prospective study comparing decompression and intertransverse process arthrodesis. **J Bone Joint Surg** **73A** : 802-808, 1991
6. Kim HT, Kang DW, Yoo CH, Jeoung JH, Chang SA : Late Changes at the Adjacent Segments to Lumbar Fusions. **J Korean Spinesurg Soc** **3** : 1-10, 1996
7. Lee CK, Langrana NA : Lumbosacral spinal fusion. A biomechanical study. **Spine** **9** : 574-581, 1984
8. Lehmann TR, Spratt KF, Tozzi JE, Weinstein JN, Reinnarz SJ, El-Khoury GY, et al : Long-term follow-up lower lumbar fusion patients. **Spine** **12** : 97-104, 1987
9. Rahm MD, Hall BB : Adjacent-segment degeneration after lumbar fusion with instrumentation : A retrospective study. **J Spinal Disord** **9** : 392-400, 1996
10. Whitecloud III TS, Davis JM, Olive PM : Operative treatment of the degenerated segment adjacent to a lumbar fusion. **Spine** **19** : 531-536, 1994